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In re New Divisional Application of:)
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Takeshi TOKUSHO et al.)
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Application No.: To be assigned)
Divisional of Application No.: 09/046,605)
filed on March 24, 1998)
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Filed: January 7, 2002)
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For: SPEAKER APPARATUS AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF)

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. The listed documents were previously cited in the copending parent Application No. 09/046,605, filed on March 24, 1998, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not required to be provided.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 form.

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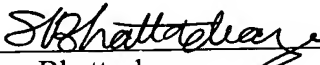
Art.” If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute “Prior Art” under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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